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### FACTS

Canada spends more of its Gross National Product on post-secondary education than any other industrialized country. Canadian university students now pay only about 20% of the costs of their education. They can expect to earn 40% more over their lifetime — an average of \$100,000 more per year — than those with an university diploma. Over 20% of people in the workforce will be displaced from jobs but can't afford it. It's also a fact that all governments are facing a financial upward spiral to ensure their programs.



### THE CHALLENGE

**WE NEED TO MAINTAIN A FAIR, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM. HERE'S ONE OF THE OPTIONS ON THE TABLE:**

An expanded student aid program that would provide money in a new system of student loans and grants. Suggestion of loans would be based on income after graduation.

Right now, the federal government is spending money both on student aid and on income tax programs in the form of cash and tax points. The tax transfer will decrease — and grow by as much as \$2 billion over the next decade. That money will replace the cash portion which will no longer be used 10 years.

One idea the federal government could replace the cash transfer with a new permanent \$2 billion loans and grants system. This option could pay about 100 million more over the post secondary system over a ten year period and improve access to post secondary education.

Nothing is set in stone. If you have comments on these ideas — or other ideas — we want to hear from you. Get your free copy of the 16 p. white paper, the Summary or the booklet "Have your say". Fill in the poll on questions and opinions on the booklet and return it to us. To order or for more information.

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Sunday, December 4

Christmas Movie in Lounge  
Christmas Family Fund Tournament  
Monday December 5

Poster Art Sale  
Christmas Family Fund Tournament  
Entertainment in Lounge  
Movie night  
Tuesday, December 6

Poster Art Sale  
Christmas Family Fund Tournament  
Santa Walk Canisago College  
Free Skating Party  
Wednesday, December 7

Poster Art Sale  
Caricatures  
Thursday, December 8

For details see Becky at the DSA  
Activities office

Join us on the festive Fall!

# Santa Claus Parade In Focus

Darkroom Relief



Edna Bailey and Paddy O'Neil parade as part of the parade line-up.

(Photo by Brenda Gorman)

Waterloo Region hosted its annual Santa Claus Parade Nov. 19. It proceeded from MacGregor Public school in Waterloo and continued down King Street in Kitchener where it ended at Barton Street. It featured a host of floats, bands, personalities and of course, the man from the North Pole.

The main attraction



Santa Claus waves to spectators as he is led by the team of reindeer.

(Photo by Brenda Gorman)

Bearing with it



King of the parade



A giant dachshund float leads one of the float groups at the Santa Claus parade.

(Photo by Brenda Gorman)

Waiting for St. Nick



A team of volunteers waited the day after the parade with 50 reindeer for St. Nick to stop them.

(Photo by Barry Macdonald)

A big bear float emphasizes the winter theme of the parade.

(Photo by Brenda Gorman)

# Perspectives

## Women in Trades and Technology

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### Attitudes lag behind technology

By Marie Wawzonec

More a cultural or generational matter than technology, says the women available to women but they still feel some traditional attitudes in the workplace.

As trades education expanded, past attitudes and misconceptions about women in the technical sector of work, attitudes about women still exist in the high-tech field, particularly in computer, and even traditionally female ones, like health care.

As part of the women program, students at Washington State University's College of Trades and Technology said they recently felt their own attitudes about women in the field.

"They were very subtle and very subtle," she said. "I thought, I don't think they were consciously prejudiced and they were just prejudiced."

In a class of approximately 30 students, mostly men, she was the only female and she was the first one to stand up. "I probably had more questions than most of the others."

The new female students, however, thought the attitudes that the teachers were a little more personally when it came to the class.

Another student said she had been in a female class and she had been in a male class and she had been in a female class and she had been in a male class.

20-year-old Amy Gray, who said most of the students are men, but she has had some problems with technology and she says she still has some problems with technology. "It's hard to get a computer to do what you want it to do."

She said students are going to be the ones to get the technology with them, but it's not really about a "gap" of men and women, but it's about the technology.

"The old boys network is still strong and it's very difficult for women to climb the corporate ladder," —Lisa Ann Brodwin

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Cutting Edge: Christa Schuster, Washington wood working student, puts the finishing edge on a project.

(Photo by Marie Wawzonec)

#### Workplace Facts:

- More women available to women but they still feel some traditional attitudes in the workplace.
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#### Former student would like to see more women in trades

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Margaret Brown, an electrician and Construction graduate, would like to see more women in the trades and other non-traditional occupations.

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Hard at Study: Kevin Brooks, first year mechanical engineering student, tests the mechanics on a piece of steel.

(Photo by Marie Wawzonec)











